

Chris Tuck Named 'School Nurse Of The Year'

Chris Tuck, RN, MS, was honored as the Kansas School Nurse of the Year by her school district and the Kansas School Nurse Organization (KSNO) in July at the Kansas School Nurse Conference in Wichita. Chris was nominated by her district superintendent and administrators at Seaman USD 345, Topeka, for her professionalism, dedication, compassion and leadership displayed in her work with students, student families and school staff on a daily basis.

More than 400 school nurses, Chris's district superintendent and her family were present when she accepted the award. Tuck credits her success in school nursing to the mentoring of her colleagues in nursing, membership in professional organizations, knowledge gained from educators and students in the Seaman school district, and the support of her family.

She has 30 years of experience in nursing. Fourteen years of nursing were spent in pediatrics in hospital and clinic settings, 16 years in school nursing; 13 years at Seaman USD 345 and three years at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as the Child and School Nurse Consultant. In addition to serving as the school nurse for Seaman High School, Chris is the director of two health services for the Seaman school district.

Tuck serves as the membership chair for KSNO, serves on various committees advocating for the health of children, active with the American Lung Association (Awarded "Lung Health Champion - 2005" for her outstanding leadership to prevent lung disease and promote lung health, "Open Airways" National American Lung Association Award 1998), and recently accepted an adjunct professor position with Friends University.